The Creepiest, Spookiest, and Most Fantastical Games to Play This Halloween

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With its focus on the scary and supernatural, Halloween is the perfect time to curl up with a spine-tingling and skin-crawling new video game. While horror is not the most common gaming category, we've compiled a list of games perfect for the spookiest night of the year.

From family-friendly frights to truly terrifying gaming experiences, this list will make a great addition to your Halloween festivities.

- Not for the Faint of Heart

Set in a haunted village ruled by mutated vampire lords and werewolves, Resident Evil Village is never short on horror or suspenseful tension. With its immersive gameplay and disturbing storyline, Resident Evil Village is a Halloween choice for gamers looking for a heart-pounding Xbox experience.

Image: Capcom

- Creepy Crawling Gaming

What better way to spend your first Halloween post-pandemic with a game filled hordes of rats spreading the Black Plague? A Plague Tale: Innocence brings you to 14th century France, in the midst of the Hundred Year's War. You control a young girl and her ill younger brother as they traverse the French countryside running from British and French soldiers, as well as the aforementioned horde of hungry plague rats. Play at your own risk this Halloween.

Image: Focus Home Interactive

- Don’t Play Before Bed

For a gaming experienced drenched in cinematic suspense, look no further than Alien: Isolation. Based on the popular Alien science fiction horror films, Alien Isolation takes you back to a retro art style based on the original 1979 film. With breath-taking graphics, an incredible use of light and sound, and convincing game mechanics, Alien: Isolation is a great choice for gamers looking for movie-worthy scares.

Image: Sega

- Story Based Frights

While based on a supernatural mystery, Oxenfree is not a true horror game and would be a great choice for gamers looking for a more relaxed Halloween experience. Oxenfree takes elements of classic teen films and mystery movies and combines them with an exhilarating visual design. Released in 2016, Oxenfree is considered one of the decade’s best video games.

Image: Night School Studio

- A Beautiful Fantasy Gaming Experience

For a truly beautiful gaming night, pick up Ori and the Will of the Wisps this Halloween. Set in the fantasy forest of Niwen, Ori and the Will of the Wisps brings intricate puzzles, RPG-esque equipment and upgrades and lush graphics and art design to a 2D screen scroller. It’s already been hailed as one of the best video games of its generation, and it’s carefully crafted fantasy world makes it a great Halloween choice.

Image: Moon Studios

- Fright Night Gaming for the Whole Family

When it comes to a Halloween game that the entire family can enjoy, there’s not a better choice than Minecraft Dungeons. Unlike the usual open world format of Minecraft, Minecraft Dungeons features a point-and-click hack and slash styled adventure gameplay. Your character moves through different dungeon levels where they can solve puzzles, defeat bosses and find treasure.

Image: Mojang Studios

Halloween is more than a night for trick-or-treating or scary movies. It’s also a great opportunity to play games for every level of holiday frights. What are some of your favorite choices for gaming on Halloween?